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SUBJECT: FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM: OPEN SEASON--
NEW AND DISCONTINUED HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS

Heads of Departments and Independent Establishments:

Unless they desire to change their enrollments, most Federal employees enrolled in plans participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program will need to take no action during the October 1-16, 1961, Open Season. A relatively small number of employees must register to reenroll (or not to enroll) during the open season because their plan is (a) discontinuing participation in the program, (b) discontinuing the option in which the employee is enrolled or, (c) curtailing the geographic area from which it accepts enrollments. In these cases, the present enrollments will terminate on the effective date applicable to the specific plan. Care must be exercised to apply the proper effective date.

For each employee affected by (a) and (c) above, a SF 2810 must be processed to inform the carrier (in Part C, Change in Plan) to terminate the enrollment on the proper effective date. Where an employee affected by (b) reenrolls in the other option of the same plan, a SF 2810 is not required; however, if he reenrolls in a different plan, a SF 2810 showing termination (by Change in Plan) of the enrollment in the discontinued option must be processed.

Also, three new plans will be participating in the program beginning in November 1961, and two other plans are each adding an option. The plans affected are discussed below:

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DISCONTINUED PLANS

Pacific Health Plan, Los Angeles, California

This plan is discontinuing its participation in the Health Benefits Program. It has employees enrolled in codes 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, and 606, who will need to elect another plan if they desire to have continued health benefits protection. Employees presently enrolled in codes 601-606 should be contacted and requested to reenroll in another plan (or register not to enroll) during the open season. No employee should be carried on agency records as enrolled in these codes after the end of the last day of the last pay period ending before November 1, 1961. Therefore, for changes in enrollment out of this plan, the effective date of change will be different from the regular open season effective date. A SF 2810 is required for each enrollee in codes 601-606. The effective date of the reenrollment in another plan will be the day after the termination.

United National Association of Post Office Craftsmen (UNAPOC) Health Benefits Plan

This plan is being discontinued. It has enrollees in codes 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, and 396, who will need to elect another plan if they desire to have continued health benefits protection. No employee should be carried on agency records as enrolled in these codes on or after the first day of the first pay period which begins after October 31, 1961 (regular open season effective date). Employees presently enrolled in codes 391-396 should be contacted and requested to reenroll in another plan (or register not to enroll) during the open season. A SF 2810 is required for each enrollee in codes 391-396.

[Note: The UNAPOC Plan is being discontinued because of a merger of its sponsoring organization with the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, the National Postal Transport Association and the United Postal Workers, under the new name of the United Federation of Postal Clerks. An existing enrollment in the AFL-CIO Post Office Clerks Benefit Plan (codes 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, and 346), heretofore sponsored by the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, will be automatically continued in the same code number in the United Federation Postal Clerks Plan which is sponsored by the merged organization, unless the employee registers during the open season to change.]

DISCONTINUED OPTION AND CURTAILED ENROLLMENT AREA

California Counties Medical Societies' Foundation for Medical Care, Stockton, California

This one-option plan (codes 861, 862, and 863) is curtailing the geographic area from which it will accept enrollments by excluding the following California counties: San Diego, Orange, San Bernardino, Kern,

Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Merced, Madera, and Santa Clara. Enrolled employees residing in the excluded areas will be personally notified by the plan to reregister. Termination in this plan will be the regular open season effective date. A SF 2810 is required for each employee affected.

Physicians and Surgeons Association Plan, Los Angeles, California

This two-option plan is withdrawing its low option. Employees enrolled in the low option, codes 584, 585, and 586, must enroll in the high option of this plan, codes 581, 582, or 583, or in another plan to have continued coverage. This plan is also curtailing the geographic area from which it will accept enrollments by excluding the following California counties: Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, and Santa Clara. Enrolled employees residing in the excluded areas will be personally notified by the plan to reregister. Termination in this plan will be the regular open season effective date. A SF 2810 is required for each employee affected.

PLANS ADDING AN OPTION

Group Health Plan of St. Paul, Minnesota

This one-option plan will offer two options (high and low). The benefits to be offered under the low option will be the same as those offered under the present one-option plan. The codes for the present one-option plan, 531, 532, and 533, will become the codes for the low option of the plan. Unless they register during the open season to change options or plans, present enrollees in this plan will be automatically continued in these codes. The codes for the new high option under this plan will be 534, 535, and 536. Note that the code numbers for the high and low options of this plan are the reverse of the normal pattern.

Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York (HIP)

This one-option plan will offer two options (high and low). The benefits offered under the low option will be comparable to those offered under the present one-option plan. The codes for the present one-option plan, 511, 512, and 513, will become the codes for the low option of the plan. Unless they register during the open season to change options or plans, present enrollees in this plan will be automatically continued in these codes. The codes for the new high option under this plan will be 514, 515, and 516. Note that the code numbers for the high and low options of this plan are the reverse of the normal pattern.

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NEW PLANS

Community Health Association, Detroit, Michigan

This is a comprehensive medical plan with one option (codes 521, 522, and 523). It will accept enrollments only from employees residing in the Detroit Metropolitan area, which is defined as Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Monroe Counties.

Physicians Association of Clackamas County, Oregon City, Oregon

This is a comprehensive medical plan with one option (codes 791, 792, and 793). It will accept enrollments only from employees residing or working in Clackamas County, Oregon.

Seguros de Servicio de Salud de Puerto Rico, Inc., Santurce, Puerto Rico

This is a comprehensive medical plan with one option (codes 891, 892, and 893). It will accept enrollments only from employees residing in Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.



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